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It seems that, once upon a time, or words to that effect, that a cat and a Mouse formed a business partnership, and first of all they went out and bought an old flivver.

On this fair, bright day they were traveling right along, but maybe they "stepped on it" a little too much and a "Spider Cop" gives them a chase. He nearly catches them to give them a summons, when they shove the body off the car which spills the cop, and they ride away on the wheels. The cop flopps and breaks his one pint flask, and to make things worse it was the best stuff he had.

Just about a quarter of a mile, old Farmer Al was fixing up a patch on his old flivver, and then he "shoots" a load of "hop" into and they're off just "a tearin".

The darn old flivver must have been feeling sort of lively, 'cause Al couldn't hardly controll it at all. Very shortly they have an argument with a traffic cop, but the car takes the whole matter into its own hands, and hands the cop a few clouts in the jaw, then chases him a few miles. Bye and Bye they get rid of the cop---that is the car ate him up. Then it took old Al for a fast violent ride, finally spilling him in a mud puddle, right by his front door, and splashes mud all over everything. So Al picks himself up and puts out a sign for window washers.

Right along came the two business partners and the job was right in their line. But very soon the habit became contagious and the gold fish start in washing the sides of their own bowls. The mice decide that farmer Al's glasses need a scrubbing, and even when thats done, they try to give him a bath with Seltzer bottles. Al and his cat object, but when the mice band together and bombard them with showers of Seltzer, they decide to run like sixty.

Aesop Says:

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone."

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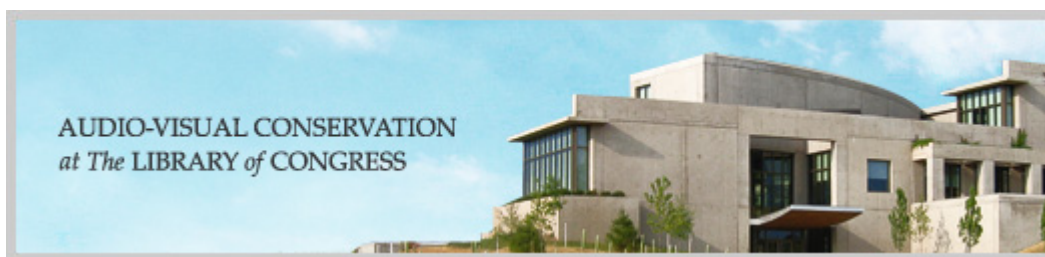
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